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For: BACK PRESSURE TEST FIXTURE TO  
ALLOW PROBING OF INTEGRATED  
CIRCUIT PACKAGE SIGNALS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING**  
**CONTINUATION APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the application in view of the amendments and comments set forth below prior to examination of the current application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 6 of this paper and include replacement sheets.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 8 of this paper.